to the mandate of the Ministry, has been part of the Ministry's normal activity.

Ganga Action PIan

200. SHRI MURL1DHAR CHANDRA-KANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any factories discharging untreated effluents into the Ganga basin have been or are being served with notice to set things right; as the Ganga Action Plan enters its Second phase ; and

(b) if so, details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AF FAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMAN-GALAM) : (a) and (b) 68 gross polluting industries have been identified as discharging their effluents in Ganga River. These industries have been asked to set up effluent treatment facilities and the progress in this regard is being monitored regularly. 43 units have set up Effluent Treatment Plants so far while 7 units are in the process of setting up effluent treatment facilities. Prosecutions have been launched against 8 units aher they failed to comply with directives/notices issued under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. 10 units have been closed down for not providing any effluent treatment facilities.

National Environment Commission

201. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Environment Commission ;

(b) if so, the purpose and objective for setting up such a Commission ;

(c) whether the environmental laws would be strengthened by the proposed commission for its effective implementation ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AF FAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMAN-GALAM) : (a) to (d) The matter is under examination.

Primary Health Centres in Assam

202. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURA-GOHAIN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Primary Health Centres constructed by the Government of Assam in the last AGP regime under Health for All by 2000 A.D. sclieme ; and

(b)' the number of PHCs which have been completed and have started functioning apd ,the number of PHCs which are under construction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) 203 PHCs were constructed by the Government of Assam during last AGP regime under the Health for All by 2000 A.D.

(b) So far 442 PHCs have been cons tructed and started functioning. 57 PHCs are under construction.

Controlling Leprosy in Bihar

203. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of patients suffering from Kala Azar and